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After Action Minutes
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2000

Morgan Hill Civic Center
City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, California

Commission	Mark Frederick
Chair	Beth Ann Gardner
Vice-Chair	Robert Harrington
Committee Member	Gerald Kinkade
Committee Member	Bob Eltgroth
Committee Member	James Rothert
Committee Member	Ariadne Delon Scott
Committee Member	Stewart Witter

6:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Harrington

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Senior Engineer Machida

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2 (Senior Engineer Machida)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Morgan Hill Bicycle Advisory Committee welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Committee. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Secretary/Senior Engineer. This will assist the Committee Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Committee are limited to **Three Minutes**. We appreciate your cooperation.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA.

ORAL REPORTS

A. COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vice-chair Harrington indicated that the last County BAC meeting was uneventful. The group discussed the bike route at Page Mill Road and 280. This area is a concern since vehicular traffic is close to the bicycle route such that cars can side swipe the bike riders. Vice-Chair Harrington also reported that Morgan Hill's Main Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad project received a high project score and it would appear that this project will receive funding as part of the TEA-21 program.

Member Witter arrives at the meeting

B. BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Staff distributed a one page memorandum from Bellinger, Foster, Steinmetz to Mori Struve outlining the progress of the Bikeways Master Plan. The memo summarized their presentation at the BAC meeting on December 20, 1999 and the bike ride on December 28, 1999. The consultants also intends to present a progress report at the February BAC meeting.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999, December 20, 1999 and December 28, 1999

The Vice-Chair requested that "Minutes" be indicated on all future meeting minutes.

November 15, 1999 - Motioned by Member Eltgroth, seconded by Member Rothert Vote 5-0

December 20, 1999 - Motioned by Member Kinkade, seconded by Member Eltgroth Vote 5-0

December 28, 1999 - Motioned by Member Kinkade, seconded by Member Eltgroth Vote 5-0

2. BICYCLE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR GRANT FUNDING

Recommended Action: Develop a comprehensive list of bicycle projects to be constructed with available grant funds.

The Member reviewed the list and clarified the nine projects identified. The Members also suggested that the projects submitted for the VPT 2020 program should also be included in this list. Member Eltgroth will prepare a description for the Serene Drive bicycle route for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL GRANT

Recommended Action: Discuss possible projects with Morgan Hill Unified School District Representative to be included in the grant applications.

Martel Taylor, of the Morgan Hill Unified School District, attended the meeting to discuss possible safe routes to school. Mr Taylor identified three routes but he also wishes to meet with the Principals of the schools to receive their recommendations. The three proposed routes are - 1) Hale Avenue between Main and Llagas. 2) A connection of Live Oak High School to the future Sobrato High via the Coyote Bike Trail. 3) Street widening of Main Avenue to from Condit to Hill Road. City staff will also work with School District staff to develop additional projects that can be submitted for consideration.

4. SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO THE MEASURE P CRITERIA

Recommended Action: Discuss and recommend revisions to the Measure P Criteria

The Members suggested that Measure P make provisions to allow the developers when proposing to construct bike path/routes that the routes have some connectivity to each other and that they meet the same design standards. Reference should be made to the County wide Bicycle Technical

Guidelines.

5. **BICYCLE ELEMENT OF THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLAN (VTP) 2020**

Recommended Action: Information Item

At the December 20, 1999 BAC meeting, staff was to receive input on the proposed bicycle projects for the VTP 2020. Unfortunately due to the length of that meeting, this item was deferred to tonight's meeting. The BAC received copies of the project applications that were submitted to the VTA on January 7, 2000.

6. **BIKE PATH ON PIAZZA WAY AND THROUGH COMMUNITY PARK**

Recommended Action: Discuss the existing bike path through Piazza Way and Community Park

Staff stated after further discussion with the City Attorney and the Director of Public Works, the City now considers the park in the Westmoreland Park project a private park. Therefore, the City has no authority to require the developer/homeowners to remove the gate that separates the park from the bike path. Furthermore if the gate was removed, the City would have some concern of having a park adjacent to an open drainage channel. The Director has authorized staff to work with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to improve their maintenance road and use that road as a bike path to connect La Crosse to Edmundson.

The ballfield parks contractor does not anticipate using any more heavy equipment at the site, therefore, staff placed temporary fencing along the asphalt path to allow parks users access from Cosmo Avenue. The temporary fencing was installed on January 19, 2000.

7. **DESIGNATE A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO PRESENT STATUS UPDATES OF THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Recommended Action: Designate a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Member and an alternate to present status updates of the BAC activities to the Parks and Recreation Commission

Member Eltgroth volunteered to serve as the BAC member responsible to present status updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their monthly meetings. Member Harrington volunteered to serve as the alternate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TDA Article 3 Application was submitted to the VTA on January 7, 2000

Staff stated that the TDA Article 3 application was submitted to VTA. This grant is the second cycle on money and it will be used to fund the balance of the Bikeways Master Plan.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.

Bicycle Resource Directory
General Plan Update

ADJOURNMENT Meeting will adjourn to the next regularly to be determined. February 21, 2000 is also a City holiday. The Council Chambers is currently reserved for most evenings in February. The Finance Conference Room is available on February 22, 23, and 24 of that week.

The Committee selected Thursday, February 24, 2000 as the next meeting date for the BAC.

